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# Editorial

With the advent of the Sinclair ZX Spectrum and the new range of Connicore Vice, there is a growing market for second-hand microcomputer. Budding programmers, who learnt their skills on the ZXB081, are also looking to more advanced machines. Consequently, they are also looking to trade-in their old machines.

The era of the used micro is now upon us.
No one is quite sure, yet, what effects the second-hand market will have on microcomputer users and

have on microcomputer users and manufacturers. But some trends are already becoming apparent.

It is now possible for a first-time user to buy a second-hand 1 K Sinclair ZXS1 for around £50. This puts microcomputers within range of more per-computers within range of more per-

Present 2X81 owners will also find it easier to buy more expensive machines, using the money gained from selling their existing ZX81s. There are pitalls in buying second-hand micros, just as there are in buying second-hand cars. But, if you take reasonable care to ensure that the micro is in good working order, you

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Electronics, has now been sold

The BBC's much-awaited micro

over £21m in 1981. John Radcliffe, of BBC

## Sinclair aims

### for the main stream

### A machine that speaks Wideband Products has just

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# Club Reports

# Watching and waiting in Manchester

David Kelly reports on the first ZX fair to take place outside London

Summer may be said to be smiling on Britain now but at traditionally wet Mancheler the arrival of the sun cast a shadow over the ZX Microteir. It was the first such event to be staged outside London. The washine was deziging

and the people stayed away in droves As with the last London show, the fair at the New Century Hall May 29-30 — we spread over two days. There were more than 50 exhibitors and plenty to see, it why was the attendance down to fee mothan 2,000 for the two days? And why wis at that many of the exhibitors commends.

on the slowness of sales?
Mike Johnston, the ZX Microfair organiser was able to pin-point several possible

The most noticeable feature of the show he said, was the influence of the Spectrum launch, both on the visitors and the exhibi-

tors.

He was quite pleased with the turn-out, particularly on the Saturday, but the uncertainty generated following the Spectrum launch resulted in fewer purchases. Mike felt the attendance was about right, since the New Century Hall had been chosen to accommodate the sort of num-

bers that turned up.
When he had been setting up the show
in January, he had wanted to include as
many local companies as possible. In the
event, about one third of the stands represented time operating in the region.
Rumours of a ZX81 price reduction and

left most people a little bewildered.

Helf most people a little bewildered their pleas while the Spectrum remained undelivered and the same applied to the buyers. Mike Johnston is very much aware of the shuston. He is going sheed with his most London show, at the New Horticultured.

ral Hall in August, but will delay the next regional show, planned probably for Bristol or Southampton, until after the Spectrum is established. He believes the current mood of despondency cannot last: "People said just

Moving in for a closer look ... some of the visitors at the Manchester show



And, at times, jostling for position

couple of months time."

O'the Manchester show, Mike says: "It seems that anything loss than the fantastic success we had in the first London show is regarded as a dissater."

He did not believe that the resident in the first London show is regarded as a dissater."

The lides of the fairs has always been to put companies and ZX owners together and to do so as cheaply as possible. If has been important to keep the entrance fee as tow as possible — 600 for adults — and to minimise the expenses to exhibitors. The cost of a stand at Manchester —

encourage small businesses which are just beginning to trade. The next London Show, at the New

Horscultural Hall, will be for one day only and in a much bigger venue. The hall has 20,000 sq ft of spece, all in one area, so there will be plenty of room for stands and visitors.

Again the show will favour the smaller trader, who will benefit from the lower cost of a one-day event.

Mike hopes that this will result in a show with much inferest and variety, but it will be interesting to see what the response from the various ZX businesses will be. Many traders at Manchester had been very disappointed with the attendance and their

The New Horticultural Hall ZX Microfair will be held on Saturday August 21. For further details contact Mike Johnston, 71 Park Lane, Tottenham, London N17.

### What's happening

Manchester Acorn User Group mosts tortophyl (during school stem time only) on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Abraham Moss Certine, Cheedham. The natus meeting will be on June 22. Elliner telephone (daystine) Berry Pickies on 061-881 1256 or (venning) John Ashwart on 061-681 4062 or write to Barry Pickies, 1 Cromhall Walk, Manchester Mills.

North London BBC Micro Users Group is being formed. It is hoped that the group will hold fortheighty meetings once a suif-able venue has been found. All interested parties and potential members should get in touch with Jeremy San, 73 Uprill Road, MB HBL LONDON NW7. (Tel: 01-959 0114).

Crawley ZX81 Users Club meets every

Monday, nearly at the year round (including school holidays) in the Science Laboratory, Iffeld School, Lady Margaret Road, filed, Crawley, Sussex, The club meets between 7 pm and 9 pm. Mombership is 12 per year and the first meeting is free. Contact John Heron. Club Secretary, 29 Petworth Court, Bearbay, Crawley, Sussex. (Tel: 0293 518396).

Southern Gas Micro Club is open to any employee of Southern Gas. The club meets at the Southern Gas. RHAQ, 80 St. Many Is Road, Southampton, and has access to 2051s, a Vic-20, an Acom Alorn Patron Control C

COVER STORY Shark Attack You are a missile-base commander in the it PEEKS a space, the "death plunge suburbs of Atlantis. Your mission is to your 20 missiles. You command three numbered silos, and choose your firing The shark circles at the top of the screen, on the other side of a strong and The code-loader program, and the 10 REM (122 X's) are keyed in first and RUN. Next, enter the machine code one byte at at time. The machine code loader will be key it in, but it is a good idea to SAVE at this point, just in case. The program uses the whole screen by poking on to the bottom line the status of each missile is fired. At the end of the The actual machine code is merely a which can, as in line 350, take the place of four lines of IF/THEN statements. If you happen to bob the shark's tail as it approaches from the right, it does not die.

A new game for the 16K ZX81 by Dave McGuire A REN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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PRINT RT U.H;"1" PORE 16518-16519 RHHD USP 16519 RHHD B LET X=X+(P=0)+(X=1)-(X=27)-

360 LET P=P-(X=2)+(X=26)
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# Reviews



Telesound 82 COMPUSOUND, 32 Langley Close

your ZX81. There is no soldering to be

If you have no sound source then a test lower two rows of the keyboard.

through the loudspeaker of a TV set

the ZX computer

have allowed it to be mounted on the side

This unit makes games and educational

### RD system

0902 84380 Prices: AD8100 £40; AD8101 £15

has several advantages over the simple modules attached to the motherboard to

found with Telescund 82. First, the red and back, to relieve the strain on the ZX81's

The RD8110 provides eight input wires run along the back of the ZX81, then it and eight output wires of a memory map-

ways. This port is one of the few that is fully decoded, so that it occupies one

The address of the port can be set to

The BDR100 is, I believe, a very good

### Info and Data

By Barbara and John Jaworski, published by Nelson, 206 pages, paperback

Computers: Information and Data was

One point to note is that this book does not cover the history, logic and social

digital machine, data, storage, files, hard cles and exercises, and the index is

In every way this is a most useful book

### Reviews software

ZXAS is an assembler for the 16K ZXR1 which is written in machine code. The of about half a dozen categories within the RAMTOP by five k. A small @ASIC portion

Standard Zliog mnemohics are used. can be placed in the REM statements.

Two hundred and fifty-six labels are

second. The operation codes and locamnemonics and the codes original REM

routine to save assembled code on to

was slightly distorted, so it has to be

## Fun To Learn

Camberley, Surrey GU15 3BR.

software. There are 8 of these tapes, and

they form a large part of Sinclair's latest

Most of these programs take the form of

then set, with multiple-choice answers. There is also a teaching mode in some

England or Europe. The user then answers questions about the towns of through the locations of these on the

of the four basic disciplines of addition. Sentences are spoken, and words within

## programs are, however, slightly over-

AF

priced. Many of the programs share the The questions are fairly difficult, and

questions as they come round for the fourth or fifth time. Unfortunately there is no textbook to refer back to and gain not in general use until 1960, it would be

Spelling mistakes occur occasionally. takes, such as Sir Arthur Bliss's inclusion

in the section on Opera, when Bliss did not write any Operas.

would enable the users to set their own questions - There being only a limited

## A-maz-Ing Vic Pack

Street, Reading.

ders around a maze, side-stepping un-Quite where it puts them is hard to discover - it is obviously one of those weight, several times over.

In the US the original Atan' arcade nic version, it is hard to see why. that it soon becomes a walk-over. When

After a short while, however, the Gobbler not seem that unfriendly. They prefer to

But, you can turn the tables on the ghosts by eating one of the four power

power runs out and the ghosts revert to

Basic instructions and the key-board

The Vin-Park version is a little short of to Pac-Man enthusiasts.

Open Forum is for you to publish your programs and ideas.
It is important that your programs are bug free before you send them in. We cannot test all of them.
Contributions should be sent to: Popular Computing Weekly, Hobbouse Court,
I whitecomb Errer, London We2H HF.

# How to contribute

the programs that you send to Open Forum in order to find the Program of the Week. The author of that program will qualify

The author of that program will qualify for DOUBLE the usual fee we pay for published programs.
(The usual fee is £10.)

Presentation hints

Presentation hints
Programs which are most likely to be
considered for the Program of the Week
will be computer printed and

will be computer printed and accompanied by a cassette.

The program will be well documented, the documentation being typed with a

double spacing between each line. The documentation should start with a general description of the program and

then give some detail of how the program has been constructed and of its special features. Listings taken from a ZX Printer should

be cut into convenient lengths and carefully stuck down on to white paper, avoiding any creasing. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Skl run

on BBC Micro
The object of the game is to manoeuvre your skier to the "X" in the

the "X" at the bottom of the screen, your restart at the top of the ski slope automatically.

One point to note is that if you hold down.

is not a disadvantage once you have mastered the game.

Dec binary conversion

convert decimal to binary. The first loop to next page 18MCDE7 28MDC23:8282:8:8:8 38ME#8 48MCCINST

688FX12, 781+28 685+8 98C+48 168CLS

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2501F18+"0" OR 18+"9" 2501F18+"" C=48:GUTGI 2401F18+"" C=48:GUTGI

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Comparison to the control of the con

Decimal binary conversion by Ken Clark

00 REM DECBIN VIC 3.5K KEN CLARK 198 10 REM 20 REM CONVERTS DECIMAL TO BINARY

Ski run by Alan Wood

### from previous page

while the second loop works out the

### Big letters

The program scrolls a message of the user's choice up the screen in large 8×8 letters. Here's how it works:

screen. Lines 9 to 193 PEEX the character generator, convert.

O PRINT" BIG LETTERS"

by Martin Howse 1 PRINT"daTHIS PROGRAM WILL ASK dYOU TO ENTER SOME

2 PRINT" SCROLL THE WORDS IN 3 PRINT" #COLOUR LETTERS BY #PRESSING CTRL AND THE #COLOUR HANTED

4 PRINT"ENTER THE WORDS, "1FORF=1T090001NEXT

5 PRINT"ddddPLEASE ENTER MESSAGE"IFORJ#1T058881NEXT:PRINT"c"IINPUTA\$ 5 As" "+A\$1PRINT"c"1A\$

7 AAWLEN(A\$):DIMA(AA+1) R FORT-GTOOG-1:0(1)=PEEK(7ERB+1):NEXT:PRINT"

20 READBILEG-B) =0 THEN G-B-BIPRINT"r O"INEXTGIPRINT"dbbbbbbbbb"::RESTORE:

TO PRINT" "!!NEXT!PRINT" ANN NAME !! RESTORE!NEXTH! GOTON 100 DOTO128, 54, 32, 15, 8, 4, 2, 1

Because the printer cannot handle graphics. The following VIC cursor controls have been replaced by lower case letters.

C-CLEAR d-CURSOR DOWN T-REVERSE ON

### Efficient scrolling by Peter Sandford

The SCROLL command provides a particularly effective means of display for 'adventure' types programs. Unfortunately, the command requires a separate program line each time it is used, and cannot be incorporated within PRINT statements. In lengthy programs, this can be extremely

requires 4K+ RAM, overcomes these limitamany times as required within any one program line. Provided the start address of the routine is defined as a single letter

Big letters

The mutine should be stored in a 33 hute. following BASIC program, and enter each

# New ZX81 Software from Sinclair.

A whole new range of software for the sincter ZX81 Personal Computer is now available – direct from Sinclair. Produced by ICL and Paion, these really excellent cassettes cover games, education, and business/ household management.

Some of the more elaborate programs can only be run on a 2X81 augmented by the 2X 16K fAM sick (The description of each cassette makes it clear what hardware is required.) The FAM pack provides 16 times more memory is one compiled module, and simply plugs into the re-of-2X81 Audit by view has use has use has use the

dramatically reduced to only £29.65. The Sincialer XP Inter of offer full alghanuments and highly-sophisticated againsts. A special feature is COPY which pints out exactly what is on the whole IV screen without the need for further instructions. So now you can print out your results for a permanent record. The ZX Printer plugs into the rear of your ZXBI, and you can

## Games Cassette G1: Super Programs 1 (ICL)

Price - £4.95.
Programs - Invasion from Jupiter.
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Liquid Capacity.

Description – Five games programs
plus easy conversion between pints/
gallons and litres.

Cassette G2: Super Programs 2 (ICL)

Price - E4.95.
Programs - Rings around Saturn.
Sacret Code. Mindbogging. Sihouette.
Memory Test. Metric conversion.
Description - Five games plus easy
conversion between inchesifeet/yards
and centimetres/metres.
Cassette G3: Super Programs 3 (ICL)

Price = £4.95.
Programs = Train Race. Challenge.
Secret Message. Mind that Meteor.
Character Doodle. Ourrency Conversio
Description = Fives games plus current

Cassette G4: Super Programs 4 (ICL) Hardware required – 2X81.

Price - L24/5.
Programs - Down Under, Submarines.
Doodling with Graphics. The Invisible Invader, Reaction, Petrol.
Description - Five games plus easy conversion between miles per gallon.

Cassette G5: Super Programs 5 (CL).
Hardware required ~ ZXS1 + HSR FAM.
Price ~ £4.95.
Programs — Martian Knock Out.
Graffiti, Find the Mate.
Labyrinth. Drop a Brick.
Continental.
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Continental.
Description of the State Continental.
Description Find Leavy
Conversion between English and

### Cassette G6: Super Programs 6 (II

Apper Programs 6 (CLS)
Hardware required — ZX81 + 56K RAM.
Price — £4.95.
Programs — Galactic Invasion, Journey
and Solitaire, Daylight Robbery.
Description — Six games making full use
of the ZX81s moving applies capability.
Cassette 67: Super Programs 7 (CLS).

Hardware required – ZX81.

Price: = £4.95.

Programs – Racetrack, Chase, NIM.
Tower of Hanol, Docking the Spaceshi

Golf.
Description – Six games including the fascinating Tower of Hanoi problem.
Cassette G8: Super Programs 8 (ICL)

Programs - Star Trail (plus blank tape o side 2). Description - Can you, as Captain Church of the UK spaceship Endeavourid the galaxy of the Klingon menace?

rid the galaxy of the Kingon menace?

Cassette G9: Blorhythms (ICL.)

Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM.

Price – £6.95.

Programs – What are Biorhythms?

peak (and trough) physically, emotionally, and intellectually? Cassette G10: Backgammon (Psion) Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM.

Programs – Backgammon, Dice, Description – A great program, using fast and efficient machine code, with graphics board, rolling dice, and dou ling dice. The dice program can be used for any dice game.

Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM Price – £6.95. Programs – Chess, Chess Clock.

rams – Chess, these Look, cription – Fast, efficient machine e, a graphic display of the board and es, plus six levels of ability, combine aske this one of the beat chess prons available. The Chess Clock gram can be used at any time. Cascette G12:
Fantasy Games (Psion)
Mardware required – ZX81 (or ZX80
with BK BASIC ROM) + 16K RAM.
Price – £4.75.

Island.

Description - Penilous Swamp: rescription a beautiful princess from the evil wiz. Sorcerer's Island: you're marooned. escape, you'll probably need the he

escape, you'll probably need the he of the Grand Sorcerer. Cassette G13: Space Raiders and Bomber (Psion)

Hardware required – 2X81 + 16K RAM Price – £3.95. Programs – Space Raiders, Bomber Description – Space Raiders is the 2X8 version of the popular pub game. Bomber, destroy is city before you bit

Cassette G14: Flight Simulation (Pair Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM Price – £5.95. Program – Flight Simulation (plus blan tape on side 2).

tape on side 2).
Description – Simulates a highly
manoeurrable light aircraft with full
controls, instrumentation, a view thro
the cockpit window, and navigation
ads. Happy landings!

### Education Cassette E1: Fun to Learn series -

English Literature 1 (ICL)
Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM
Price – E6.95.
Programs – Novelists, Authors,
Description – Who wrote Robinson
Crusee? Which novelst do you

Cassette E2: Fun to Learn series – English Literature 2 (ICL) Hardware required – ZX81 + 16K RAM Price – £6.95. Programs – Poets, Playwrights, Mode Authors. Description – Who wrote 'Song of the

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Programs - Towns in England and

Cassette E4: Fun to Learn series -Hardware required - ZX81 + 16K RAM

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pair of hex codes in turn. 10 kg X = 16514 TO 16546.....

30 IF LEN AS-CI-2 THEN GOTO 20 50 POKE X, 16°CODE AS - CODE AS(2) -- 476

To see how the routine is used, delete lines 50 to 70, and add the following:

TO PRINT TABLES S. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE TAB USR S: "OF THE USE OF THIS SUBROUTINE": TABUSE S: TAB USR S

### Star Trek

on BRC Micro

It is a little known fact that the scripts of Star Trek were produced by Paramount's BBC Micro. Indeed, it has proved possible

Of course, the program produces scripts

Partial screen clear

by Calum Str

After writing a program to help with tax returns, I found I needed a program to

The following machine code routine does changes to make it function as a very fast

takes some time when the display and

moving up and down the edge of the screen Rather than use the first REM statement and call the routines by USR 16514, which I

rams, he decided to make use of the NXTLIN system variable. This is the BASIC loader program for the partial screen clear

The program can then be RUN and the

PROGRAM OF THE WEET address of PRINT position in D.FILE

32.6 - JPRCS Fresult - 0 then jump lorward 6 bytes

This routine can now be called by GOSUB 9900. Its effect will depend on the last PRINT

then the screen will be cleared from line 10 column 10 to the bottom corner of the screen. If the statement is

column 0 to the bottom of the screen. The effect of this will only be seen if the screen was already full, of course. Using this property of the last semi-colon the desired type of display clearing can be obtained. The second program was written to over-

Star Trek

to next page

120 PRINTMINA\*".

130 IF ASO Take use out of orbit, Hr Sulu\* OR RND(4) 04 B9-A\$180T0100
130 IF ASO Take use out of orbit, Hr Sulu\* OR RND(4) 04 B9-A\$180T0100
140 PRINTMIL Hah! Hah! Hah! "" THE END"

by Ian Bell

from previous page

The code to be entered is similar to that of need for line 9900 to ensure that it is. The decimal codes for this program are as

42,14,64,6,22,126,264,118,32,8,5,128,254,0 ;

Charge 9905 to LET RR - USR(PERG 18425 # ... sec) This routine can now be called by

would previously be used in the main

end of the main program. To gut these subroutines at the beginning will help

### Maza

keying in the program to put spaces in

### Hex-decimal converter

This program is quite straightforward. The dependant upon the last character en-

If the last character is 'h' the hex to decimal routine is called, otherwise the program returns to the start. The error message is also called if spaces are When using the STRS function a space is added to the front of the result. line 250 Maze

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### from previous page

takes this space out so that the output of the hex values A to F by converting

Sketch pad This sketch pad program enables you to draw you own pictures and diagrams. To

### 10 REM XXXX ... 26X1... 25XX Then type:

42, 12, 64, 35, 22, 1, 30 1, 126, 6, 128

62, 33, 186, 32, 237, 35, 22, 1, 28, 62, 23, 187, 200, 24, 227

When RUN all will be made clear.

Hex-decimal converter SERVED A LO-DECHENDED

290 PRINTAR," DECIMAL ",SE," HEX"

400 PRINTER:" HEX=":HI:"DECIMAL" Maybe the National Gallery will accept

420 PRINT"BINPUT ERRORS TRY BOSTN



T 21,8; "POINTS, HOU

## Square roots

integer and .25<=X<1

The first method then approximates knowledge of square rifots of (5/10)2 (8/10)2, (7/10)2, (8/10)2, (9/10)2, and (10/ 10)2. The second method approximates completed by a Newton method.

# Fog

In this 5.75K program the idea is to get objects which you must get past to reach

'>' sign while the zombie appears as a

REM statements show how the program

Lines 2000 onward enable the game to

PACES ALONG PODETS. HOL 

TOTAL TOTAL CET THEM I

TO MY STANT RECORDED AND AND

DELAY "6-HOURS THE LINE TO

TO INVEST THE PICTURE OF THE PICTURE HE PROM THECO-DECIMITES THE SCREEN Description Then 6070 9180

> Square roots by Czes Kosniowski

PRINT TAB 7: 

T ST 19,21, "TIME" PRINT NO. LET B-0-8
REM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
REM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
REM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
LET B-0-8
LET B

T G=9 T X=X+(INKEYs="6")+(X=0)-(INKEYs="7")



SOTO DES 21,1; "UNLUCKY, OUT

OT 21.1 "HIT HIME, YOU

NEXT I

DAINT AT 28,1; "EXCELLENT THE S A BEST SCORE" FOR A-1 TO 38

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# Programming

### Knowing where the next byte is coming from

Stephen Devine explains how to squeeze programs into 1K by

memory-saving techniques

2x81 owners are attendesigneded by
the lack of memory on the basic machine.

They other find themselvis with programs
which are just too long to 1st within the
available Ist. However, by uning various
memory aswing sechniques, it is often
possible to sufficiently identified their possible to sufficiently identified their

Since the memory do of soring floating
continuous not the 2x81 uses six bytes
for each number, considerable savings in
memory can be claimed by prejecting all of

numbers) by equivalent symbols, if the numbers o and 1 are replaced by NOT PI and SON PI respectively then four bytes are saved each time. For larger single- or double-digit numbers the VAL fundion can be used. For

The COOE function can be used for even larger numbers, provided that there is a symbol in the character set which corresponds to the number to be replaced. For example, CODE "IF" will replace the number 250.

If the same number is used repeatedly

If the same number is used repeatedly throughout a program, then it may be worthwise assigning that number to a variable at the start of the program and using the variable each time the number is required. If the number 500 appears and propared by an organithm in could first be assigned to a variable by, sny, LET N = \$00. Then stitements such as LET X = X

+ 500 could be replaced by LET X = X + N saving five bytes each time. Replacing all the iteral numbers in a program will often save enough memory to enable the program to be run successfully but, if not, there are some further techni-

The method of saving memory is to reduce the memory requirements of conference of the conference of th

te if Pactys - 's' THENLET X = X + 1
20 If Pactys - 's' THENLET X = X - 1
which might be used to move an object

back and forth across the screen. These can be replaced by the single statement: 10 LET X = X + (mcKYs\*-8") -(mCYy\*-8") saving 20 bytes each time. If the variable is to be incremented or decremented by more thanflore than the parentheses can be multiplied by the required number, for example:

ig IF INKEYS = 6 THENLETY = Y + 2 20 IF INKEYS = 77 THENLETY = Y - 2 can be replaced by: fg LETY = Y + VAL\*2\* •

Mary PRINT statements can also be modified to consume less mamory. For example, when printing instructions many words can often be replaced by single byte knywords.

. Single stroke keywords

Take the statement PRINT "ENTER" VOUR NAME. This can be replaced by the equivalent PRINT "SPUT YOUR NAME NAME where INPUT is entered as a single-stroke keyword. This seven six bytes, since the spaces before and after the word INPUT are free. Many more keywords such as IF, OR, TO, AND, THEN and others can also be used in this way. However, to enable certain words to be entered, it may be necessary to first ereer THEN and act it out afterwards.

printed, such as:
te Pfent -20 Pfent -30 Pfent -it can be replaced by

which, in this case, saves six bytes. It should also be remembered that GOTO's and GOSUB's need not be assigned alteral numerical value, such as GOTO 100, but can be used with functions. For example the routine:

19 if X = 11-97-0070 bit 29 at X = 21-97-0070 bit 29 if X

can be replaced by the single statem to GOTO 188+X

By using some, or all of the technique coulfied above and by experimenting with other you should find that there are if exhort programs which cannot be squeeze into 1 K. Even some larger ones, which would romally use up to 2 K of memorican be effectively halved and run in 11 machine, the conservation use of memory and the control of t



# Spectrum

In this new slot various contributors explore different aspects of the ZX Spectrum

# Making these graph-ics is easy as pie!

Nick Hampshire explains how to put different shapes into your circles

Line 19 Location of centre of disc-on screen. Line 29 Radius of disc. Line 30 Increment of radius between circles.

The simple way to draw a disc is to use the CIRCLE command in a program loop. This varies the radius from the centre of the disc to the outside perimeter, thereby drawing a set of concentric circles. The distances between each concentric circle can be varied by changing the step value in the radius increment loop, in the radius increment loop, resolution disc on the screen, but it has the disclassing the loop of the resolution disc on the screen, but it has the disclassing the loop of the program of the loop of the program of the loop of the program of the disclassing the loop of the disclassing disclass

the dots in each concentric circle cannot be varied, and (b) it is impossible to draw a segment of a disc. These drawbacks are overcome by the

55 radius. 55 spacing between circles. 55 spacing between distain a ri

by In this program lines 70 to 100 draw a circle on the acreen at centre co-ordinates! so, yo, of a radius ra said with a spacing be wherein the date of the dispersion is should be noted that the 70 converts the degree angle dot inventment into radians.

A variation of the previous program can be used to draw this segment of a disc. This requires two new parameters — the beginning angle of the segment and the end



By using a combination of different content of the combined segments, each with different dot describes, you can draw pie charts — a useful way of graphically representing data. The content of the cont

obsuming from — p1 - start angle, pc--end any these determine the segment or wedge size). It and dy-determine the dot spacing and therefore the sensity of the wedge. 88 the sub-routines to draw a disc segment.



TO INPUT XO, YO

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AS THENT AS , WE SEE A S

# Hand & mouth



# Down to the bare essentials

listite badge proclaiming "GPN ENULES" ROW, was all know that RPN — Reverse Potish Notation — stands for system of calculation — stands for system of calculation in Herwiter Packs calculations and that everybody argues to whether it is far before or far sense to the "Algebran Logic "systems of off machines Hervi year or specification of the derivation of the competition and the certificial control of the competition and th

the "Algebran Logic" systems of other machines I have you ever wondered about the dorivation of this odd stem? Well, the connection with Padra domes from a man by the name of Jan Lukasiewicz, who was born in the Polsah oliy of Lwöve in 1678. He was a logiciar and mathematician, as well as an admired and articulate feacher, who eventually ded in colle in Dibblin in 1958. He arrived, at an ordine of and the collection of the Dibblin in 1958. He arrived, at an



ing the truth value of a logical statement— True, False or Don't Know — which is now seen in the Boolean Logic tables familiar to computing butts.

His attempts to strip things down to only the bare essentials were highlighted in his

the evaluation of arithmetic expressions by eliminating parentheses and all punctuation.

Hewlett Packard have modified this by

after the entry of variables, as opposed to before as on the "Polish" system. Hence "Reverse Polish Notation". Lukasiewicz was no mean writer, too, so I'll leave the last words to him: "Just as an

grew out of the crawing for beauty, science was created by the urge for knowledge. The saying 'art for art's sake' and 'science for science's sake' are equally valid."

John Gowrie



# Make macro moves on your micro

If you are writing a long program in assembly language you will find inevitably that some selections of the program are repeated more than noise. A macro assembler is simply a program with all the assembler features I have classified in provious articles and the additional facility of assigning a rame to a group of commands. For example, you group of commands. For example, you

ACRO1 LDA 1990
STA REFERENCE,X
LDA 1990
STA REFERENCE,X
Whenever you want to use those in-

MACRO1 into your source code listing: START LCX ct MACRO1 LCX ct MACRO1 LCX ct MACRO1 LCX ct MACRO1

When you assemble the program the machine code instruction defined by the macro source code list will be inserted in the right place, with all the relative jumps worked out automatically.

A simpler version of the same idea is a facility to copy a block of source code lines from one place to another. In this case you will see all the instructions in the source code listing before it is assembled.

A mooro assembler may seem much like using a call to a subroutine. This is not the case, and call to a subroutine. This is not the case, A mooro is an essembler tone feeting.

object code uses more memory than calling a subrousine but produces mechine code that will run faster. The Jump to SubRoutine (JSR) and ReTurn from SubRoutine (RTS) Instrucsions each take 6 microseconds in a

system using a 1MHz clock. If you have saved the CPU registers at the beginning of the SR and restored them at the end that will add a further 36 microseconds. By

connect a macro command uses as much PAM as the component instructions demand on each occasion, while a call to a subroutine only takes three bytes. The time penalty imposed by subroutine calls can give you a measure of the efficiency of the program. Suppose you wrote a subroutine to double the contents of a zero page location.

PHP Push CPU status
PHA Push Pis accumulator
LDA WHEAT Load the accumulator with WolASI, A Shift the accumulator let
STA WHEAT Store result in WHEAT
PLA Pull the accumulator

You can see that three instructions (lines 3.4.5) carry out the function of the SR and the others would not be present in a macro command.

The percentage inefficiency is calcu-

 $\% \ \text{frefficiency} = \frac{\text{Total} - \text{Body}}{\text{Body}} \times 100$ 

If you add up the microseconds for each instruction in the program above, you get the result: 28 - 8 × 500 = 250% inefficient

John Dawson

# Sound & vision



### Stringalonga maximum trickery!

The three routines listed will enable you to manipulate a string seriely containing a full screen image of 704 bytes. First of al. however, you need to put your string logother. This can be done as follows. First, set RAMTOP with the following three rout reads:

Now LOAD any program which produces an interesting screen image. Then add the following subroutine to that program. I have numbered the subroutine to start at 9000, but you can use any convenior numbers.

Sea NETUTIN
You will also need to add some method
of ceiling that subroutine when a suitable
image is displayed on the screen. PUN the
cocaram and, when you have a good

its course, STOP the program and clear it by pressing NEW. Provided you do not turn off the power, the image will remain in store over RAMTOP. The next step is to call this image into a

SOLET AS-AS-CHAS PEDCI 40 NEXT I 50 PRINT AS RUN this program and th

AS, Press newline, and write the foll program over the existing one (Not the contents of XS must be the gri characters represented on the keys 20):

About Turn

10 POINT AS 20 LET X3 - "123-080/WERTYA-014385WOREYTH 20 LET 28 - C 40 LET 1-170 I-664 STEP 33 20 POIR 24-53 TO ISTEP 31

20 LET I= 1701-164 STEP 23 00 FOR 1-14-31 TO I STEP -1 70 LET X=PEEX.J 20 IF X>0 AND X<0 AND X<0 SORX>13 X<137 AND X<0 SOR THEN COSUB THE 90 LET Z8-Z3-C916 X 160 NOTZ.J

100 CLS 150 PRINT 23 140 STOP 150 FOR K= 15 TO 28 150 FOR K= 15 TO 28 170 MEXT K 180 LET X=CODE XBK=540

To operate this program, use GOTO 1. The screen image will be printed as before, but with one important difference — it has been reversed left to right.

The law to the system is the string set us.

ters which are asymmetrical (apart from teleters and numbers) are reversed, to preserve the integrity of the image. Any words or numbers will be reproduced a backwards.

A similar device is used in the next outries which has the effect of turring the image through 180 degrees. This routine is exactly the same as About Turn, except for the following lines which should be altered. As with About Turn, the rumbers and letters in the string in line 20 represent the graphics characters which are to be found on those keys. Again, do not RUN the programs, but GOTO 1:

20 LET XS = "12345678QWERSOFG3412876 ERQWDSOF" 40 LET I = PEEX 16396 - 256+PEEX 16397 = 50 POR1=1TD1 - 604 STEP - 33

89 FOR1=1701 −694 BTEP −33 80 F X>128 AND X<13 AND X<>134 AND X>128 AND X<139 AND X<>134 AND X<>156 THEN GOSUB 150 159 FOR K=17 TO 32

158 FORK=177032
189 LITX=CODE X8(K-16)
This routine produces a straightfore reversal top to bottom. It is the same

Enes. The characters in the string in line represent the graphics characters fou on those keys: Upide Downside on LET NR. - TOTAL DOWNSTVASOFCHARZES on LET NR. - TOTAL D

REWOYTHOSOFA\*
68 FORJ +1 TO I-31
88 # X >6 AND X <10 AND X <>6 AND X <>6 OF
X >128 AND X <13 AND X <13 AND X <>133 AND
X <>136 THEN COGUS 159

The same rules apply as for the other routines, le: GOTO 1, not RUN+ in all cases. The second image is transferred into 25, which is a literal string 704 bytes long (ie: LEN 25-704). Nick Godwin

### Being backwards in coming forward

This week, two programs using the important pair of continuation or the BBC Micro known as YDUS and YDU4.

Berley, VDU5 and YDU4.

Berley, VDU5 audies the text cursor to be positioned exactly (not just to the reverset print position) in the same place as the graphics cursor. So you can plot text, which was the graphics cursor. So you can plot text, the parties the effect of, VDU5 parties the effect of, VDU5 parties the effect of, VDU5.

The following programs both generate

Issajous, curves on the screen. But they use words, not lines. Two psychologically unsetting effects are used: one where the names of colours are written in another coloured text, the other using the words FORWARD and BACK to flash back and forth on the

screen, not always doing what they say Finally, note that VDU19.N.C.0.0.0 is used to change colour number N to actual

216 7-8104809(0433-9104 278 920801, - CE7753,7/4,1 278 920801, - CE7753,7/4,1 248 92080 (A.88943) 268 94287 CE4880(3)) 278 94287 CE4880(3)) 278 9431 3

make colour 1 (normally red) become blob.

The three zeroes are there for other,
all purposes, and should always be left like
in that. Brian Reffin Smith

# Peek & poke

Peek your problems to our address, lan ardsmore will poke back an answer.

### DON'T GIVE HP ON DEAR OLD AUNTY

A BBC micro owner.
to resist the temptation

put on the BBC, and it now

will be ready for dispatch on

June 10, I am afraid that I

JUST MAKE A NEW GEAR RESOLUTION

edition you said '... screen

ate . . . although this can be

what this means. What soft-

Does it mean that adequate Teletext standard is 40 A Teletext standard is characters per line as

opposed to the 32 which the

one is as yet quite sure what is speaking, that is firmware, The thictext adaptor is, of

O I recently received a BBC microcomputer. So far we can only hazard that I have a BBC micro with Smith said, '... doubtless all

will be put right', but what do Also the \*FX function is

Lastly, when can we expect guide.

> THERE'S LIFE IN THE OLD DOG YET

Q As an avid fan of the

Q In your review of the ZX Spectrum in the May 6 A To date, approximated four hundred thousand To date, approximately months ago Clive Sinclain pany, Timex, to make ZX81s Please could you explain ware? When is it available?

estimates maintain that, as a In this country, even if half

use for this to be a quick

### AND THE MEMORIES STILL LINGER ON

I have a ZX81 with a 16K RAM pack and A The program use state the address 16509. The

16509 and the address in D.

PRINT PEEK 16464+256+ PEEK

PRINT PEEK 16386- PEEK

# IT'S ALL A QUESTION

OF COMPATIBILITY

Q I have a BBC micro computer model A

strive to the BBC Micro

There is a general feeling A There is a government of that if the ZX Microdrive

While it is due to be laun-Given that the ZX printer

other computers. I am sure that the Microdrive will also breed a host of compatible

£200 less than the Vie disc

If the microdrive is not bugquite a big if, then a race will

# Competitions

### Puzzle No 10

This set him thirtking of how many other

How many other sets of numbers are there?

38 FOR C = 8 to 9 48 FOR H = 8 TO 9 58 IF H = 3 THEN LET H = 5 79 LET INCH = 1 1980 + N 199 + C 19 + H

Answer: INCH = 5576 Winner of Puzzle No 6

Solution to Crossword No 6

Winner of Crossword No 6 The winner is: B. Tunks, Chingford Hatch

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